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PROTECTION OF ARAVALLIS
Dhruvanarayana Shri Rangaswamy

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received a report on deforestation in Aravallis due to falling of trees;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government to protect the environment in Aravallis?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a)& (b) There are no reports of major deforestation due to felling of trees in the Aravallis. Some sporadic cases of illegal felling and lopping by local villagers and tribals are reported from the State of Rajasthan and cases are registered against defaulters under Rajasthan Forest Act, 1953. In total, 6206 such cases have been registered.

(c) During the financial year 2013-14, a total number of 6206 cases of illicit felling and lopping were registered in Rajasthan and an amount of Rs. 142.60 lakhs was recovered as penalty from the offenders. During the period 2010 to 2013-14, 1274 Km. pucca stone wall fencing has been constructed on the forest boundary to protect the forest from illicit felling & lopping, under the Schemes-Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MNREGA), Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) and Thirteenth Finance Commission (TFC).